मानव संख्या के लिए पशुधन की संख्या इस प्रकार है :—

(मिलियन में)

	1977	1982	1988
(1) गायें (दूध देने वाली और दूध न देने वाली)	49.78	53.78	56.32
(2) भैंसें	62.01	69.78	76.77
(3) बकरियां	75.62	95.26	110.21
(4) भेड़	40.91	48.76	45.69
(5) कुल पशुधन . . .	369.53	419.59	429.57
			(संख्या में)
(6) प्रति हजार मानव संख्या के लिए पशुधन की संख्या	583	593	545

(ग) जी, नहीं। राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर पशुधन संख्या में कोई गिरावट नहीं आई है। देश में पशुपालन को बढ़ावा देने के लिए प्रजनन, आहार तथा स्वास्थ्य की देखभाल के क्षेत्रों में अनेक राज्य तथा केन्द्रीय योजनाओं का क्रियान्वयन किया जा रहा है।

Newspaper report on fertiliser supply

2849. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent news report captioned "PMO put on alret regarding fertiliser supply; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and steps being taken to save the rabi crop particularly wheat, from the crisis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) In the absence of details regarding the name of the Newspaper and the date of publication, it is not possible to verify the news report. However, there was no crisis in the availability of fertilisers during the current Rabi, 1994-95 season as the constraints in the availability, when felt, were removed on an urgent basis.

Development of prawn culture in the coastal areas

2850. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state what is the reaction of Central Government in regard to the opposition that emerged in the coastal areas against development of prawn culture?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): The Government being fully aware of the apprehensions expressed in different circles on the adverse impact of shrimp farming in the Coastal areas, advised the maritime states, as early as 1993, to ensure that:

(i) before any proposal for setting up of integrated shrimp farming units is considered for approval as 100 per cent Export Oriented Units or Joint Ventures, such units should obtain clearance from the Environmental angle, of the State Pollution Control Boards;

(ii) such projects should incorporate an Environmental Monitoring Plan and a Management Plan which inter-alia should include treatment of